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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO.: **09/805,016** : Art Unit: **TBA**

FILED: **March 12, 2001** :

FOR: **USE OF METHOXY SALICYLALDEHYDE**
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3)

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), Applicant hereby petitions for the entry and consideration of the supplemental Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewithin the above-identified case.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,977,068, granted November 2, 1999, teaches the use of vanillin, and certain derivatives thereof, as anti-fungal and anti-bacterial preservatives in parenteral formulations comprising biologically active macromolecules.

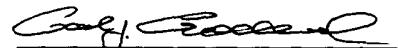
Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1),
Applicants undersigned representative certifies that the item
in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a
communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart
foreign application not more than three months prior to the
filing of the present information disclosure statement.

It is requested that the references listed on the
attached form, which complies with PTO-FB-A820, be included in
the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from this
application. (M.P.E.P. 1302.12) No fee for the filing of this
supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is due.

A prompt and favorable response is respectfully
solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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